

Oconomowoc Distribution Center of Roundy's Supermarkets Joins Wisconsin Green Tier Program

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The Wisconsin Green Tier program welcomed its newest member Friday, the Oconomowoc Distribution Center of Roundy's Supermarkets Inc.

"Roundy's has a long history of environmental performance in Wisconsin and is continuing to be a leader in their market sector with this facility," said Scott Hassett, secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, in a statement Friday. "The design and construction of their new distribution center took environmental concerns into consideration and incorporated features to conserve energy and protect the environment."

Some of the steps involved in making the center environmentally friendly included:

- * Installing lighting timers to conserve electric power consumption
- * Designing the building to optimize daylight and reduce lighting demands
- * Using sand only on all parking lots and drives during ice conditions to protect runoff water quality
- * Designing the fuel storage and distribution center to exceed federal requirements in case of any accidental spills
- * Installing landscaping that includes berms, trees and grasses that provide habitat for wildlife and screen the facility.

"The building of our Oconomowoc Distribution Center gave us an opportunity to pay particular attention to the environment while constructing the facility," said Robert Mariano, Roundy's chairman and chief executive officer, in a statement. "We are proud of the steps we were able to take to participate in the Green Tier program."

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